Rehabiljtation of pavement vendors of Janpath Lane, New Delhi

151. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that New Delhi Municipal Committee has evicted some pavement vendors in Janpath Lane;

(b) if so, whether any action is being taking to restore the stalls and rehabilitate such small pavement vendors; and

(c) whether Government have formulated any plan for such small shopkeepers so that they are not harased by the municipal authorities ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Supreme Court of India has constituted a Committee headed by Sh. G. P. Thareja, Additional District Judge to scrutinize the claims of unauthorised hawkers/squatters. The New Delhi Municipal Committee have reported that they have formulated a scheme for rehabilitation of hawkers/squatters of its area as per directions of the Supreme Court of India.

Risk allowance to Traction Workers

152. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of death, disablement and occupational diseases suffered by traction workers of Indian Railways during the last three years period (Zone-wise);

(b) what are the reasons for such accidents;

(c) whether any steps have been taken or are being taken to provide foolproof safety measures to traction workers to avoid such mishaps;

(d) whether it is a fact that traction workers are working on High and Extra High Voltage lines and components only by taking the single line power block and are thus exposed to serious hazards of electro-magnetic radiation, induction effects causing occupational diseases including loss of vision;

(e) if the answere to part (d) above be in affirmative whether Government is considering grant of risk allowance to traction workers and provide proper protective measures against such hazards as mentioned as part (d) above; and

(f) if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The number of cases of death and disablement are given in the following Table zone-wise. There is no possibility of occupational disease.

Railway	Death	Disablement
Central	8	—
Eastern	1	—
Northern	2	4 (Temporary)
Southern	1	3 (Temporary)
South-Central	1	—
South-Eastern	—	
Western	4	—
TOTAL	17	7